

Services for Visually Impaired

What does this program do?

Provides eligible consumers the opportunity to identify appropriate living and employment goals and attain the skill levels necessary to achieve those goals.

What is its statutory base?

State: RSMo 8.051, 8.700-8.745, 207.010, 207.020, 209.010, 209.020, 178.160-178.180, Federal: Randolph Shepard Act as amended through 1974, 34 CFR 395, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended by Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1992-Title VII-Part B and Chapter 2, Workforce Investment Act of 1998-Title IV, Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998

Is this a federally mandated program?

Yes, except for funding of Prevention of Blindness.

What is the funding?

Fiscal Year	General Revenue	Federal	Other	Total
2001	\$1.2 mil	\$5.1 mil	\$0.4 mil	\$6.7 mil
2002	\$1.2 mil	\$5.1 mil	\$0.4 mil	\$6.7 mil
2003	\$1.2 mil	\$5.1 mil	\$0.4 mil	\$6.7 mil
2004	\$0	\$5.1 mil	\$1.6 mil	\$6.7 mil

What are the sources of the non-general revenue funds?

Title I-Basic Support, Title VII, Blind Pension, Donated Funds

What services are offered and who is eligible?

Blind Enterprise Program: For blind consumers that meet certain visual impairment criteria, Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) staff provide technical assistance in the establishment of vending facilities and supervisory and management services for facilities on an ongoing basis.

Prevention of Blindness: For the medically indigent, RSB arranges for and provides eye care.

Independent Living Rehabilitation – Children: Educational advocacy, parent education referral and resource information and counseling services are offered to families with visually impaired children ages 0-14. Also, RSB provides consultation to schools serving blind and visually impaired children.

Readers for the Blind: Up to \$500 per year to meet the cost of readers service is provided to eligible blind individuals attending eligible post-secondary institutions.

Vocational Rehabilitation: Services necessary to enable a blind or visually impaired individual to maintain or obtain employment, such as job placement, travel, equipment, etc., are provided by the RSB staff or are purchased.

Independent Living Rehabilitation – Adult: Services required by blind consumers to maintain their maximum level of independence are provided. Services include training in communication, personal management, homemaking skills, providing equipment, etc.

Independent Living Rehabilitation – Other Blind: Provides eye exams, peer counseling, low vision aids, training in orientation and mobility, communication and other activities of daily living for blind and visually impaired individuals over age 55.

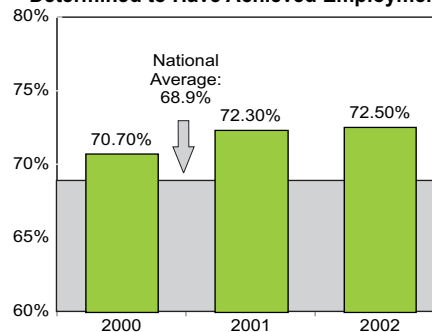
How many people are served annually?

SFY-2001	SFY-2002	SFY-2003
5,451	5,158	N/A

What percentage of blind/visual impaired individuals who exit the Vocational Rehabilitation program are determined to have achieved employment?

The percentage of individuals successfully employed continues to exceed the federal benchmark.

Blind/Visually Impaired Individuals Who Exit the Vocational Rehabilitation Program After Receiving Services and Are Determined to Have Achieved Employment



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